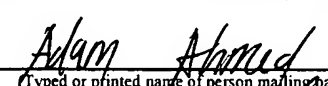
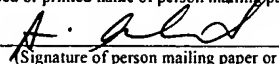



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TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A SUBMISSION UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371		U.S. APPLICATION NO. (If known see 37 C.F.R. 1.5) 10/525904
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/JP04/009456	INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE June 28, 2004	PRIORITY DOCUMENT NO. 2003-188719 PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED June 30, 2003
TITLE OF INVENTION EXTERNAL STORAGE APPARATUS		
APPLICANTS FOR DO/EO/US Norio SUGAWARA, Takashi ANDO, Shigeru KASUYA		
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